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## Mid-January Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of January showed increases for feed barley, malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle, and steers and heifers. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, all barley, and all wheat. Prices remained unchanged for cows, calves, and all milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January was 96, using a 1990-92=100 base period, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the December Index. Price increases for tomatoes, lettuce, cattle, and hogs more than offset decreased prices for cotton, broccoli, turkeys, and milk.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Jan.2001-Jan. 2002

| Commodity                        | Unit | Idaho           |                  |                               | United States   |                  |                     |          |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                                  |      | January<br>2001 | December<br>2001 | January<br>2002 <sup>1/</sup> | January<br>2001 | December<br>2001 | January 2002        |          |
|                                  |      |                 |                  |                               |                 |                  | Price <sup>1/</sup> | % Parity |
| <b>CROPS:</b>                    |      |                 |                  |                               |                 |                  |                     |          |
| Alfalfa Hay                      | Ton  | 88.00           | 120.00           | 112.00                        | 91.00           | 102.00           | 101.00              | -        |
| Barley, All                      | Bu.  | 2.48            | 2.53             | 2.48                          | 2.00            | 2.16             | 2.06                | 33       |
| Feed                             | Bu.  | 1.96            | 2.04             | 2.05                          | 1.81            | 1.74             | 1.77                | -        |
| Malting                          | Bu.  | 2.70            | 2.86             | 2.90                          | 2.21            | 2.68             | 2.56                | -        |
| Dry Beans                        | Cwt. | 16.90           | 19.60            | 20.40                         | 15.10           | 21.40            | 22.80               | 49       |
| Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>           | Cwt. | 3.30            | 5.40             | 5.75                          | 4.56            | 6.85             | 6.84                | 52       |
| Fresh <sup>3/</sup>              | Cwt. | 2.00            | 6.40             | -                             | 3.71            | 9.00             | -                   | -        |
| Processing                       | Cwt. | 4.60            | 4.90             | -                             | 5.11            | 5.16             | -                   | -        |
| Wheat, All                       | Bu.  | 2.79            | 3.30             | 3.26                          | 2.84            | 2.89             | 2.94                | 31       |
| <b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b> |      |                 |                  |                               |                 |                  |                     |          |
| Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>        | Cwt. | 68.60           | 57.90            | 59.50                         | 74.80           | 64.60            | 66.60               | 43       |
| Cows <sup>5/</sup>               | Cwt. | 37.80           | 34.10            | 34.10                         | 39.00           | 36.00            | 37.10               | -        |
| Steers & Heifers                 | Cwt. | 80.00           | 67.10            | 68.90                         | 79.30           | 68.60            | 70.50               | -        |
| Calves                           | Cwt. | 102.00          | 92.00            | 92.00                         | 108.00          | 100.00           | 100.00              | 49       |
| Lambs                            | Cwt. | 78.00           | 56.00            | -                             | 74.10           | 61.70            | -                   | -        |
| Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>          | Cwt. | 10.80           | 12.60            | 12.60                         | 13.20           | 13.40            | 7/13.30             | 8/41     |
| Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>        | Cwt. | 10.80           | 12.60            | -                             | 13.20           | 13.40            | 7/13.30             | -        |
| Mfg. Grade                       | Cwt. | 10.80           | 12.80            | -                             | 10.90           | 12.50            | 7/12.50             | -        |

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.78, fluid milk 3.78, mfg. grade 3.94. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index 1990-92 = 100 | December 2000 | January 2001 | December 2001 |         | January 2002 Preliminary |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|
|                     |               |              | Preliminary   | Revised |                          |
| Prices Received     | 99            | 96           | 93            | 95      | 96                       |
| Prices Paid         | 122           | 125          | 122           | 122     | 121                      |
| Ratio <sup>1/</sup> | 81            | 77           | 76            | 78      | 79                       |

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

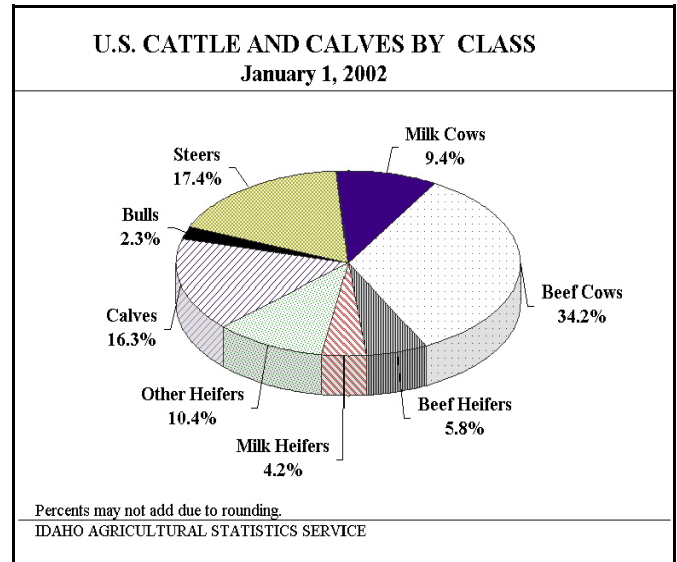
## Idaho and U.S. Cattle Inventory

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 1.99 million head as of January 1, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the 1.96 million head in the State on January 1, 2001. There were 493,000 beef cows, up 1 percent and 377,000 milk cows, up 6 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 85,000, was down 15 percent and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 175,000 head, were up 6 percent from last year. Statewide, there were 360,000 steers over 500 pounds, 40,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 260,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1. The 2001 calf crop totaled 860,000 head, 30,000 more than the calf crop of 2000.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2002, totaled 96.7 million head, 1 percent below the 97.3 million on January 1, 2001 and 2 percent below the 98.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.2 million, were 1 percent below both the 42.6 million on January 1, 2001 and the 42.8 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.1 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2000. Milk cows, at 9.11 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and two years ago. All heifers, 500 pounds and over, at 19.7 million, were down slightly. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.56 million head, were down slightly and milk replacement heifers, at 4.06 million head,

were up slightly. Steers weighing over 500 pounds totaled 16.8 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 2001 calf crop, estimated at 38.3 million head, was down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999.



### *Cattle Inventory, January 1, 2001 - 2002*

| State        | All Cattle & Calves |                 |                   | All Cows That Have Calved |                 |                   | Calf Crop         |                 |                   | Operations With  |                  |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|              | 2001                | 2002            | 2002 As % of 2001 | 2001                      | 2002            | 2002 As % of 2001 | 2000              | 2001            | 2001 As % of 2000 | 2000             | 2001             |
|              | <i>1,000 Head</i>   |                 | <i>Percent</i>    | <i>1,000 Head</i>         |                 | <i>Percent</i>    | <i>1,000 Head</i> |                 | <i>Percent</i>    | <i>Number</i>    |                  |
| Arizona      | 840                 | 840             | 100               | 335                       | 325             | 97                | 275               | 270             | 98                | 3,100            | 3,000            |
| California   | 5,150               | 5,200           | 101               | 2,340                     | 2,380           | 102               | 1,980             | 1,990           | 101               | 22,000           | 22,000           |
| Colorado     | 3,150               | 3,050           | 97                | 930                       | 890             | 96                | 880               | 840             | 95                | 15,100           | 14,600           |
| <b>IDAHO</b> | <b>1,960</b>        | <b>1,990</b>    | <b>102</b>        | <b>840</b>                | <b>870</b>      | <b>104</b>        | <b>830</b>        | <b>860</b>      | <b>104</b>        | <b>12,000</b>    | <b>11,500</b>    |
| Montana      | 2,550               | 2,450           | 96                | 1,550                     | 1,470           | 95                | 1,620             | 1,550           | 96                | 14,400           | 13,300           |
| Nevada       | 520                 | 500             | 96                | 275                       | 265             | 96                | 230               | 225             | 98                | 1,700            | 1,700            |
| New Mexico   | 1,580               | 1,580           | 100               | 800                       | 790             | 99                | 630               | 610             | 97                | 8,600            | 8,500            |
| Oregon       | 1,360               | 1,400           | 103               | 680                       | 710             | 104               | 650               | 660             | 102               | 16,900           | 16,200           |
| Texas        | 13,700              | 13,600          | 99                | 5,810                     | 5,750           | 99                | 5,100             | 5,050           | 99                | 152,000          | 151,000          |
| Utah         | 910                 | 920             | 101               | 450                       | 450             | 100               | 400               | 400             | 100               | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| Washington   | 1,180               | 1,130           | 96                | 515                       | 500             | 97                | 480               | 460             | 96                | 15,000           | 15,000           |
| Wyoming      | 1,550               | 1,470           | 95                | 850                       | 820             | 96                | 830               | 840             | 101               | 6,400            | 6,400            |
| <b>U.S.</b>  | <b>97,276.5</b>     | <b>96,704.0</b> | <b>99</b>         | <b>42,579.9</b>           | <b>42,209.3</b> | <b>99</b>         | <b>38,630.6</b>   | <b>38,280.4</b> | <b>99</b>         | <b>1,077,560</b> | <b>1,050,910</b> |

### IDAHO MILK PRODUCTION UP 6.3 PERCENT

Idaho milk production during January 2002 totaled 658 million pounds, a 6.3 percent increase from the same month last year. January 2002 production decreased 0.3 percent from December 2001. Revised production for December 2001 totaled 660 million pounds, up 7.8 percent from December 2000. Average milk production per cow in January 2002 was 1,740 pounds, unchanged from last year, but down 10 pounds from December 2001. The average number of milk cows in January was 378,000 head, 22,000 more than in January 2001, and 1,000 head more than in December 2001.

Nationally, January milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.3 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from production in these same States in January 2001. December revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,585 pounds for January, 36 pounds above January 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 44,000 head less than January 2001, and 10,000 head less than December 2001.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, January 2001-2002

| State                 | Milk Cows 1/      |              | Milk Per Cow 2/ |              | Milk Production 2/    |               | 2002 As Percent of 2001 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                       | 2001              | 2002         | 2001            | 2002         | 2001                  | 2002          |                         |
|                       | <i>1,000 Head</i> |              | <i>Pounds</i>   |              | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               |                         |
| Arizona               | 140               | 140          | 1,825           | 1,835        | 256                   | 257           | 100                     |
| California            | 1,563             | 1,622        | 1,760           | 1,765        | 2,751                 | 2,863         | 104                     |
| Florida               | 155               | 152          | 1,440           | 1,410        | 223                   | 214           | 96                      |
| <b>IDAHO</b>          | <b>356</b>        | <b>378</b>   | <b>1,740</b>    | <b>1,740</b> | <b>619</b>            | <b>658</b>    | <b>106</b>              |
| Illinois              | 118               | 115          | 1,470           | 1,550        | 173                   | 178           | 103                     |
| Indiana               | 151               | 153          | 1,455           | 1,405        | 220                   | 215           | 98                      |
| Iowa                  | 215               | 205          | 1,525           | 1,560        | 328                   | 320           | 98                      |
| Kentucky              | 130               | 123          | 1,090           | 1,155        | 142                   | 142           | 100                     |
| Michigan              | 303               | 296          | 1,590           | 1,655        | 482                   | 490           | 102                     |
| Minnesota             | 520               | 495          | 1,520           | 1,515        | 790                   | 750           | 95                      |
| Missouri              | 149               | 140          | 1,150           | 1,210        | 171                   | 169           | 99                      |
| New Mexico            | 261               | 290          | 1,680           | 1,740        | 438                   | 505           | 115                     |
| New York              | 670               | 675          | 1,450           | 1,500        | 972                   | 1,013         | 104                     |
| Ohio                  | 264               | 260          | 1,340           | 1,460        | 354                   | 380           | 107                     |
| Pennsylvania          | 607               | 587          | 1,520           | 1,570        | 923                   | 922           | 100                     |
| Texas                 | 341               | 310          | 1,365           | 1,485        | 465                   | 460           | 99                      |
| Vermont               | 154               | 154          | 1,450           | 1,510        | 223                   | 233           | 104                     |
| Virginia              | 118               | 119          | 1,380           | 1,380        | 163                   | 164           | 101                     |
| Washington            | 247               | 247          | 1,845           | 1,880        | 456                   | 464           | 102                     |
| Wisconsin             | 1,322             | 1,279        | 1,445           | 1,465        | 1,910                 | 1,874         | 98                      |
| <b>20 STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>7,784</b>      | <b>7,740</b> | <b>1,549</b>    | <b>1,585</b> | <b>12,059</b>         | <b>12,271</b> | <b>102</b>              |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2002 totaled 320,000 head, down 2 percent from the February 1, 2001 inventory. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of January 1, 2002.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 57,000 head, down 14,000 head from January 2001 placements. Marketings during January totaled 65,000 head, the same as January 2001 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head

totalled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2002. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2001 and slightly below February 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.17 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.08 million.

During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 381,000, 600-699 pounds were 614,000, 700-799 pounds were 734,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 437,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2001 and 2 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during January, 14 percent above 2001 and 29 percent above 2000.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

| State                | February 1, 2001 | January 1, 2002 | February 1, 2002 |              |                 |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                      |                  |                 | Number           | As % of 2001 | As % of January |
|                      | ---1,000 Head--- |                 | ---Percent---    |              |                 |
| Arizona              | 302              | 305             | 311              | 103          | 102             |
| California           | 445              | 480             | 475              | 107          | 99              |
| Colorado             | 1,230            | 1,180           | 1,180            | 96           | 100             |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | <b>325</b>       | <b>330</b>      | <b>320</b>       | <b>98</b>    | <b>97</b>       |
| Iowa                 | 385              | 355             | 390              | 101          | 110             |
| Kansas               | 2,500            | 2,480           | 2,450            | 98           | 99              |
| Nebraska             | 2,430            | 2,230           | 2,290            | 94           | 103             |
| New Mexico           | 116              | 108             | 106              | 91           | 98              |
| Oklahoma             | 410              | 360             | 345              | 84           | 96              |
| South Dakota         | 205              | 195             | 200              | 98           | 103             |
| Texas                | 2,930            | 2,880           | 2,850            | 97           | 99              |
| Washington           | 243              | 247             | 237              | 98           | 96              |
| Other States         | 420              | 415             | 405              | 96           | 98              |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>11,941</b>    | <b>11,565</b>   | <b>11,559</b>    | <b>97</b>    | <b>100</b>      |

1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Idaho Potato Stocks Down 11.5 Million Cwt

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 76.0 million cwt, 11.5 million cwt less than on hand February 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 52.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 64.8 million cwt and below 2000's 56.8 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 4.60 million cwt, below last year's 6.30 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 71.4 million cwt, was 9.80 million cwt below the amount stored on February 1, 2001.

The 15 major potato States held 202 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2002 down 14 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Storage accounts for 51 percent of the 2001 fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. This year's storage holds more russets, but fewer round whites than a year earlier. Disappearance of 192 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States used 96.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 15 percent from a year ago.

### FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-2001 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

| CROP<br>YEAR | PRODUCTION | TOTAL STOCKS |                |         |         |         |         |          |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|              |            | DEC 1        | FOLLOWING YEAR |         |         |         |         |          |
|              |            |              | JAN 1          | FEB 1   | MAR 1   | APR 1   | MAY 1   | JUN 1 1/ |
| IDAHO        | 1,000 Cwt  |              |                |         |         |         |         |          |
| 1996         | 142,800    | 102,000      | 92,000         | 82,000  | 70,000  | 56,000  | 41,000  |          |
| 1997         | 140,314    | 102,000      | 91,500         | 81,000  | 69,500  | 56,000  | 41,500  |          |
| 1998         | 138,000    | 99,500       | 89,000         | 77,500  | 66,000  | 52,000  | 37,000  | 23,000   |
| 1999         | 133,330    | 96,000       | 86,000         | 76,500  | 65,000  | 50,000  | 36,000  | 21,000   |
| 2000         | 152,320    | 111,000      | 101,000        | 87,500  | 76,500  | 61,500  | 47,000  | 26,500   |
| 2001         | 127,980    | 95,000       | 86,000         | 76,000  |         |         |         |          |
| 15 STATES    |            |              |                |         |         |         |         |          |
| 1996         | 443,704    | 295,100      | 261,320        | 226,080 | 189,210 | 147,635 | 103,210 |          |
| 1997         | 413,513    | 278,830      | 246,550        | 212,562 | 175,870 | 134,190 | 92,840  |          |
| 1998         | 423,170    | 280,910      | 246,230        | 209,640 | 173,650 | 131,220 | 87,895  | 50,270   |
| 1999         | 420,567    | 275,100      | 239,910        | 207,150 | 169,620 | 128,410 | 86,915  | 47,220   |
| 2000         | 458,827    | 310,300      | 275,270        | 234,260 | 197,670 | 153,520 | 109,160 | 61,240   |
| 2001         | 394,161    | 266,520      | 233,420        | 201,750 |         |         |         |          |

1/Stocks not available prior to 1998.

## U.S. Dairy Products December 2001 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 699 million pounds, 1.6 percent above December 2000 and 1.9 percent above November 2001.

**American type cheese** production totaled 313 million pounds, 3.1 percent above December 2000 and 9.1 percent above November 2001.

**Butter** production was 123 million pounds in December, 9.9 percent above December 2000 and 21.1 percent above November 2001.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with December 2000)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) -- 56.5 million gallons, up 5.4 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) -- 24.2 million gallons, up 9.0 percent.

Ice cream, Nonfat (hard) -- 1.40 million gallons, down 16.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) -- 3.17 million gallons, up 4.2 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) -- 5.47 million gallons, up 3.7 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk for human food:** (compared with December 2000)--144 million pounds, up 18.9 percent.